

Kaumeyer, senior contract manager at Ames, passes away

John F. Kaumeyer, Lockheed Martin science manager at NASA Ames, passed away on Nov. 17 at the age of 55 of heart failure. He served as the science



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manager on the Astrobiology and Space Research Programs and Projects contract, the Engineering and Technical Support contract and the Flight Payload Integration contracts. The programs are responsible for developing science requirements for space station life science research equipment, providing operations support for flight experiments, conducting life sciences research and life support technology development in support of the space station and shuttle programs.

Kaumeyer was born in Ohio and grew up in Grand View Heights, a sub-

urb of Columbus. After high school, he spent two years in the U.S. Marine Corps serving in Vietnam. Kaumeyer received a bachelors of science in biology from Ohio State and a Ph.D. in genetics from Indiana University. He spent five years doing post-doctoral research in molecular biology at Johns Hopkins University and the University of Pennsylvania. Kaumeyer moved to California in 1987 to work for Genentech, Inc. where he was responsible for leading a project to leverage relationships with outside university investigators for the purpose of testing new recombinant proteins for potential clinical indications.

Kaumeyer began working for Lockheed Martin in 1989 at Ames. As senior manager on various contracts, Kaumeyer was responsible for approximately 100 scientists, engineers and administrative staff who supported a number of technical areas at Ames in life sciences including the NASA Astrobiology Institute, the Space Station Biological Research Project, flight payload integration, gravitational biology research and astrobiology technology.

Under Kaumeyer's direction, his staff has contributed to the success of many payloads including GHCD, CNCR, PSE-01, SLS-1, PARE-1, IML-1, PHCF, SL-J, PSE-02, Cosmos 2229, PARE-2, PARE-3, SLS-2, Immune-1, PSE-04, IML-2, NIH-R1, NIH-R2, Immune-2, SLM-1 and Neurolab. He had exceptional experience in life sciences research and experimentation and, through his FPI assignments, was familiar with all aspects of human factors and associated

life support necessities to sustain personnel in spaceflight and extravehicular activities. In addition, he was an active member of the Ames IACUC.

Kaumeyer understood the risks involved in developing experiments and ensuring the integrity of NASA science programs. He placed an emphasis on developing a full understanding of his customer's requirements. It was crucial for him to know what their goals were in order to ensure that his staff was properly focused on achieving those goals. Likewise, he made a special effort to reward, recognize, promote and advocate for employees who had done an excellent job. Kaumeyer was a respected member of the science community and had more than 25 years of experience in life sciences project management, new technology identification and transfer, scientific and laboratory research, and development and evaluation of flight and ground based hardware systems.

Kaumeyer met his wife, Joanne, on a Sierra Club backpacking trip in 1990 and they were married in 1992. With a special love for the outdoors, they enjoyed backpacking, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing and snow camping. As a wonderful stepfather, Kaumeyer was highly supportive of Eric and Sheila. Kaumeyer served as scoutmaster of Eric's Boy Scout troop for three years. Sheila's love of music was very important to him and he never missed a performance. Kaumeyer adored Lady, the family dog, very much appreciated Peet's coffee and frequently enjoyed a good beer at the end of the day. Golf was a game Kaumeyer not only played, but studied as well. He had a keen intellect and was forever reading or studying areas of interest to him. He was an avid listener to KQED Public Radio. He always had a home project going on and was a regular customer at Orchard Supply Hardware.

Kaumeyer wanted to be remembered for trips to the mountains, a laconic sense of humor, honesty and integrity, a sense of perspective and an ability to view the 'big picture.' He is survived by his wife Joanne, stepchildren Eric and Sheila, and a sister in the state of Washington. The family requests donations be made to the American Heart Association, the Sierra Club or KQED Public Radio. Kaumeyer will be greatly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

BY SHIRLEY BURG

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The Passport and Visa Office has moved. In an effort to centralize some of the stops associated with international travel, the Passport and Visa Office has been relocated to Building 15 to be close to both the Safeguards Office (foreign travel briefings) and the international travel coordinator's

Office (principle gatekeeper).

Contact Karol Broussard at ext. 4-1722 or e-mail her at kbroussard@mail.arc.nasa.gov to schedule your passport and visa appointments.

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